

SCOTT COUNTY KICKER

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Some of the candidates who do the most promising are not by any means the most promising.

Mr. Frederick Bridge is going to Quebec, but he will scarcely fill the gap left by the bridge that went down.

Mrs. Eveline Wright Allen, a graduate of Leland Stanford university, has been appointed dean of women for that institution.

However, even \$100,000 a year might not be despised by Prince Helle de Sagan, considering that he has not the price of a meal.

Minister named Fyke jumped from an ocean liner and was drowned. And now there are more good fykes in the sea than ever before.

Foreigners can never say we're impolite in one respect. When counts come fortune-hunting you never hear of American competition.

The Eaton county farmer who blew off his head because he couldn't quit drinking evidently didn't have much faith in the prohibition wave.

While no official word has been sent out as to the result of the shooting in Magdalena bay, we fancy that the targets would come in handy for sieves.

A poet has been shot by the Hattian soldiers. While we haven't read any of his poetry, we should say off hand that the punishment was rather too severe.

It is the proud right of the American to cackle since she is producing more wealth than steel and iron combined. The consumer knows who settles.

If war is "hellish," as Takahira says, and stock gambling is "devilish," as Senator Tillman says, a battle between the bulls and bears must be nothing if not "fendish."

Mr. Balfour is reported writing a book on a political-philosophical subject in intervals of parliamentary business. This ought to afford a consoling prospect to the enemy.

A rich Chicago boy married a chorus girl before he was 19 years old, having doubtless heard that if you are doing after the matrimonial sweetstakes you had better get an early start.

A Belfast girl who was scolded by a laundry machine has grown a new head of hair as the report goes. Yes, and no doubt its shade is much more to her liking than the first was.

And doubtless in Paris there is some other nobleman in training already to take Prince Henri de Sagan's place in Anna Gould's affections, when Anna gets tired of giving Henri money.

Metals get tired as well as living things, a scientist declares. Telegraph wires are better conductors on Monday than Saturday on account of their Sunday rest, and a rest of three weeks adds 10 per cent to the conductivity of a wire.

A Turin, Italy, paper accuses d'Annunzio with plagiarism because he has transferred a number of passages from the Bible to his new drama "La Nef." Thus it is, we find, that the devil not only quotes Scripture but on occasion even claims authorship.

Prof. Barnus of Brown university recommends as a motive power for skyscrapers some form of high explosive, particularly those which can be worked up into wicks and ribbons. He proposes obtaining a continuity of power values from nitrogen explosives by using cold storages.

If the finances of the Gould family are in such shape that Helen Gould has been obliged to close two of her charitable institutions the family has little occasion to kick on Anna's matrimonial aspirations. If they are poor she will have to take what she can get in the way of a husband.

An observer in Milwaukee has discovered three big new spots on the sun. Two are calculated to be more than 5,000 miles across, dimensions which would permit the earth to drop through. If the theory that connects meteorological disturbances with the appearance of sunspots may be relied on some pretty lively shakeups may be anticipated. But sunspots are not always reliable prophets.

Chile is starting out on a search for new artillery equal to the most modern requirements, and invites gunmakers of all countries to send representatives to the tests that will be made next October. Here should be a chance for Americans. The United States is turning out about the best weapons of this sort that can be produced. The Watervliet factory has done much to establish the present high standard.

President G. Stanley Hall is "catching it" from women all over the country because of his recent assertion that female teachers are "feminizing" the boys of the United States. The general opinion is that if Mr. Hall is right he should have had the privilege of instructing the Creator when the human race was placed upon the earth and should have told him that mothers were a mistake. If the professor notes this feminine sarcasm it will probably only confirm him in the theory that boys can not safely be trusted to women.

Another great tunnel, that through the Ricken mountains in Switzerland, has just been completed. The tunnel is five miles in length and was begun four years ago. Like other famous undertakings of its kind, the cut through the mountains is intended to expedite railroad communication. Switzerland is famous for scenic attractions, but is becoming no honey-combed with tunnels that it is almost possible to pass through and under the country without a sight of the wonderful peaks, glaciers and waterfalls.

WHY MEN LEAVE HOME.



BOY SLASHES FIVE

TWO VICTIMS OF CRAZED YOUTH ARE DYING.

CHILD IS SAVED BY HER MOTHER

Tragedy Occurs in a Barber Shop in New York VeVendetta—Slashes With Razor.

New York—Suddenly crazed early Wednesday 19-year-old Amelia Gatania jumped up from his cot in the barber shop of Antonio Peraco, seized a knife and made a desperate attempt to murder the six other occupants of the place.

Two of his victims are in the hospital dying. Three others will live and one, a 4-year-old child, was saved by its heroic mother.

The front part of the store served as a sleeping apartment for Gatania and three barbers, Frank Strafino, 18; Joseph Macera and Nicola Esposito.

One Man Flees to Door.

Gatania made a fierce lunge at Esposito's neck and an instant later slashed Strafino's face. Both tumbled out of their cot, and the third man, Macera, fled to the door. Gatania had cut a deep slash in his arm.

Strafino tried to hold the mad youth, but he tore himself loose and with one bound gained the inner bedroom. He inflicted a deep stab on the neck of Peraco, his employer, and was just about to stab the latter's 4-year-old boy, Angelo, when the child's mother rolled over in an effort to protect him and received the full force of the blow in her breast.

Peraco managed to get out of bed and engaged in a struggle with Gatania. The latter wrenched himself free and gained the street. He had no shoes or coat, but ran down Fulton street and has not been seen since.

A general alarm has been sent out for him. Peraco and his wife will die.

Burlington Pass Arguments.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Supreme court en banc Wednesday heard arguments in the case of the state railroad commissioners against the Burlington railroad, which arose out of the refusal of the railroad to give return transportation with each car of stock shipped to market. The court of some time ago decided the law requiring the passes was unconstitutional, favoring the railroad, but granted a rehearing on the dissenting opinions. The decision may be expected in 30 days.

"Love Queen" Is Dead.

Tonopah, Nev.—The fate of Bina Verrault, the fascinating young woman who lived like a princess and startled New York two years ago with her scheme of winning men's hearts and thousands of dollars through the notorious "Love Syndicate," of which she was the head, has been revealed in a strange way.

Denver Gets Bankers.

Lakewood, N. J.—Denver will be the next meeting place of the American Bankers' association, according to the decision reached by the members of the executive committee of the association, who met here Tuesday.

Nutmeggers for Taft.

Hartford, Conn.—The Republican state convention held here on Wednesday instructed the state delegation to the republican national convention for Taft.

Shortages in County Funds.

Guthrie, Okla.—Charles A. Taylor, state examiner and inspector, received word of a serious shortage in the accounts of the last county officials of Kay county under the territorial regime.

Swedish Bark Runs Ashore.

Montevideo—The Swedish bark Swenholm, from Pensacola Jan. 14, for Buenos Ayres, is ashore on English bank. The captain and part of his crew have been landed at Maldonado, Uruguay.

Burglar Slays Denver Policeman.

Denver—Making the last rounds of his watch, Charles M. Beck, a policeman, was shot through the heart and killed in the store of the Denver Photograph Supply Co., into which he had crawled in pursuit of a burglar.

Receiver for Traction Company.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Charles Harlan was appointed receiver for the Terre Haute and Merom Traction Co. Two miles of rails have been laid at a cost of about \$50,000, for which scrip was issued.

MAN KILLED IN CHICAGO STORM.

Only Two Steamers Put Out From Port and They Return for Safety.

Chicago, Ill.—One man was killed, many pedestrians were put in peril by falling live wires and others were blown down and injured during a wind and rain storm which prevailed Thursday.

John Lucas, 65 years old, was blown down several times by the wind at Seventy-fifth and Halsted streets and died of heart disease.

Wires of the fire alarm and police telegraph system were put out of service and telephone communication with the life-saving station at the mouth of the Chicago river was lost. The sea running on the lake was the highest in several years. Only two steamers put out from this port Thursday morning and both came back for safety.

FAMOUS HOTEL BURNS.

The Pequot, Historic Connecticut Hostelry, Destroyed Early Thursday.

New London, Conn.—The Pequot, for 75 years a famous summer hotel, patronized by people of fashion, was destroyed by fire early Thursday. The hotel was unoccupied. It was a five-story frame structure.

The historic hostelry was remodeled a few years ago and it was to be the scene of many big entertainments next month when the Yale and Harvard crews met for the annual boat race in the Thames river. The hotel was owned by United States Senator Brandegee.

Big Grain Deals in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill.—J. Ogden Armour has engaged to buy this week for 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, while Jim Patten has chartered out for 1,500,000 bushels of corn and oats. With other charters in sight, it is believed the week's shipments by lake will aggregate 4,000,000 bushels, the largest in the history of the port.

"Big Jim" Patten is financing the largest line of corn and oats ever carried by any one man in a single deal. He has taken 10,000 bushels since May 1, most of it 20 cents a bushel below present prices.

Insured His Life Before Taking It.

New York—Less than two months before he committed suicide, Chas. Coster, the Scotch broker, insured his life for \$100,000 in the New York Life Insurance Co. The policy has no suicide or other clause on which the company may base a contest.

Texas Mob Hanga Negro.

Texarkana, Ark.—Immediately following his preliminary trial at Naples, Texas, on a charge of assault to murder and rob a white man, John Williams, a negro, was taken in charge by a mob Wednesday and hanged to a tree near the depot.

Express Messenger Murdered.

Denver, Colo.—Express Messenger Charles H. Wright was murdered Thursday by train robbers, who looted his car on a Rio Grande train. The bandits got \$100, and escaped. The body was found when the train reached Denver.

Sleeping Child Burned.

Pierre, S. D.—A report from Hayes tells of the burning of the house of a homesteader by the name of Yonkers and an 8-month-old baby. The mother had left the child asleep and was at the house of a neighbor across the road when she saw the fire.

An Aid to Prohibition.

Washington—Representative De Armond (Mo.) introduced a bill making it unlawful for the government to issue federal license to sell intoxicating liquor in prohibition states.

Chief Constable Resigns.

Rutland, Eng.—The chief constable of Rutland, William Keep, who has held that office for 37 years and is reported to be the oldest chief constable in England, has resigned. Mr. Keep, who is 83 years of age, has seen 60 years' police service.

Dog Steals Rich Jewels.

New York—Jewels which disappeared from the home of a dog fancier in White Plains had been found in the garden, whither a pet dog had carried and buried them.

NEWS OF CONGRESS

DOINGS OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

Congress Report of Measures Introduced and What Action is Taken on Them.

Army Pay Increased.

Washington—The officers and enlisted men of the army Friday won their fight for increased pay when the house of representatives, after a debate of two hours, agreed to the conference report on the army appropriation bill. An appropriation of \$7,000,000 was made for the purpose, \$5,000,000 of which will go to the enlisted men. Nine hundred and forty-two officers on the retired list also will benefit by the increase.

Discuss Forest Reserves.

Washington—But little progress was made in the senate Friday on the agricultural appropriation bill, the session being devoted to a discussion upon the principle of forest reserves and the administration of that service. Senator Teller concluded his remarks in opposition to a lump sum appropriation of \$500,000 for the further development of the forest reserve system. Senator Nelson of Minnesota and Senator Dilliver of Iowa spoke in support of the reserve service.

May 10, Mothers' Day.

Washington—Senator Burkett introduced a resolution in the senate Friday, declaring that Sunday, May 10, be recognized as a holiday and that it be observed as such by members, officers and employees of the United States, wearing a white flower in honor of their mothers. On objection of Senator Gallinger, the resolution was postponed.

Investigating "Catch Stations."

Washington—The senate Friday adopted a resolution introduced by Senator Penrose, directing the postmaster general to send to the senate before Jan. 1 next information concerning injury to persons and destruction of mail at "catch stations."

House Defeats Canteen.

Washington—By an overwhelming vote of 167 to 46 and following a two hours' debate, the house of representatives Wednesday again went on record against the re-establishment of the canteen in national soldiers' homes. In the course of the discussion a man giving his name as George F. Gridley of Providence, R. I., unfurled an American flag and proceeded to make an address from the gallery on the temperance question. He was promptly taken out.

Omnibus Bridge Bill.

Washington—An omnibus bridge bill, the first measure of its kind to be framed and introduced in congress on interstate and foreign commerce. The bill authorizes the construction of 24 bridges in various parts of the country. These two dozen distinct authorizations were consolidated in one act on account of the Democratic filibuster in progress in the house and by this means 23 roll-call votes on the floor will be escaped.

Child Labor Bill Passed.

Washington—The senate Wednesday passed the Gallinger bill to regulate the employment of child labor in the District of Columbia. Chairman Dilliver of the committee on education and labor, in reporting the bill to the senate, stated that the measure applied to the District alone and was free from any constitutional objection that might be urged against the Beveridge bill, which provides for a national labor law.

Favorable Report on Canal.

Washington—A favorable report on the Bacon bill appropriating \$75,000 for a survey preliminary to the construction of the Atlantic and Great Western canal designed to connect the Atlantic ocean with all the tributaries of the Mississippi river, which has passed the senate, was urged Tuesday before the house committee on railroads and canals by a delegation from Atlanta, introduced by Representative Brantley (Ga.).

To Protect Alaskan Game.

Washington—The senate Tuesday passed a house bill, without amendment, for the protection of game in Alaska. This provides for a license system for killing under the governor of Alaska, in place of permit system under the secretary of agriculture. The governor is empowered to employ game wardens and to expend the money collected from licenses in the protection of game.

To Sell Indianola College.

Guthrie, Okla.—The Presbyterians have decided to sell Indianola college, located at Wynnewood, to the Methodists, who will use it as a preparatory school for Epworth university at Oklahoma City.

Kills Intruding Tramp.

Brookville, Pa.—Frank Swineford, a farmer, living near Knoxville, Jefferson county, shot and killed an unknown tramp who had forced his way into the house by kicking down the door.

Fire Destroys Phone Exchange.

Marion, O.—The general stores of Hornbeck & Hick and Harris Bonham & Co., the restaurant of R. Thornton and the telephone exchange at Byhalis, were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Found After 26 Years.

Minot, N. D.—Mrs. Agnes Muhs has returned from North Crandia, Wis., where she found her father, whom she had not seen for 26 years. Bob had made a careful search for the other.

EVANS CLOSES LONG CAREER

ADMIRAL GOES ABOARD FLAGSHIP FOR LAST TIME IN SAN FRANCISCO HARBOR.

BIG WAR FLEET IS REVIEWED

Secretary Metcalf: Goes Greatest Fighting Force Under One Command—Ships to Remain Until May 15.

San Francisco, Cal.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, closed his long sea career Friday when he went aboard his flagship, the Connecticut, for the last time, to be present at the review of the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets by Secretary of the Navy Metcalf.

The review began at 11 o'clock Friday morning, when the little gunboat Yorktown, with the Secretary's white-anchored flag at the main truck, and with the civilian head of the navy and a party of guests on board, put out from the Oakland shore to make a tour up and down the four lines of anchored battleships, armored cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers.

The fleets at anchor in the hill-surrounded bay constitute the heaviest fighting force the navy has ever known in a single command, and no such force in all the history of the navy of the world was ever before assembled under a rear admiral's flag.

Since the arrival of the Atlantic fleet Wednesday, Admiral Evans has made his headquarters in the city at the St. Francis hotel, where he was joined by his family. He departed for Washington Friday night. Admiral Evans is relinquishing command of the fleet at this time at his own request, and because of his continued ill health. He will not be placed on the retired list until August and will remain on waiting orders until that time at his home in Washington.

Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, second in command, will resume his place as "senior officer present" Saturday, and Sunday becomes actually in his own right the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet. The Pacific fleet is to be retained in the harbor until May 15, so that until that time Admiral Thomas will have supreme command of the 44 ships that fill the Oakland harbor.

THREE MORE BODIES FOUND.

Man and Woman, and Third Skeleton Unearthed at Laporte.

Laporte, Ind.—The skeletons of a man and a woman, and the unarticulated bones of a third body, dug up Friday on the Guinness farm, increase the total of known murders, including the woman and three children burned to death in the house, to 16. Adding her two husbands, whom it is now practically certain that missing Mrs. Belle Guinness killed for their insurance, the number of deaths credited to her reaches 18.

More depressions in the ground adjoining the scene of the latest digging were noticed, and digging will begin there as soon as the soggy condition of the earth will allow, in the expectation of finding more bodies. Not one-tenth of the burial plot has thus far been dug up.

Little doubt is now felt here that Mrs. Guinness, with a fortune approaching \$20,000, the proceeds of murder, insurance frauds and arson, is alive, and is by this time far from Laporte, possibly on the sea returning to her native Norway.

Measurements of the woman's body found in the ruins of the Guinness house have left hardly a doubt that it was not the body of Mrs. Guinness. The testimony of the tape-line is borne out by Mrs. George Olander, sister of Jennie Olson, Mrs. Guinness' murdered foster daughter, who is positive that the body is not that of the murderess.

Astoria One Year Old.

Madrid, Spain—To commemorate the first anniversary of the birth of the prince of the Asturias, King Alfonso's first son, his majesty Thursday pardoned Nakens, Ibarra and Mata, who have been serving a sentence of nine years' imprisonment for aiding in the escape of Manuel Morales, the man who threw a bomb at King Alfonso and Queen Victoria on their wedding day, May 31, 1906.

Another Ohio Troop Out.

Columbus, Ohio—Troop A of Cleveland was ordered to Ripley by Gov. Harris late Thursday afternoon at the request of Assistant Adjutant General Kautzman, who reports that Troop B and Company G of the Seventh regiment were not sufficient to guard the 60 miles of river front.

Dewitt C. Gallup Dead.

Hutchinson, Kas.—Dewitt C. Gallup, a veteran of the civil war and a member of the Walker filibuster expedition to Cuba and Nicaragua in the '50's, died here Wednesday, aged 78 years.

Illinois Legislature to Adjourn.

Springfield, Ill.—The house Thursday evening passed Speaker Shurtleff's bill providing for a board of control of the state institutions. The legislature will adjourn sine die May 23.

One Killed, Four Hurt in Mine.

Rockford, Ill.—Rev. Earl C. Egan, until last fall presiding elder Tamarack No. 5 mine Tuesday morning. A rope broke, allowing a car to fall down a shaft of the mine. The accident was caused by an over-hoist.

Rev. Egan Dead.

Rockford, Ill., May 6.—Rev. Earl C. Egan, until last fall presiding elder of Rock River conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, was stricken with apoplexy in the pulpit Sunday and died Monday.

Happenings in Missouri.

Missouri Missouri Officers.

The grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Missouri has been in session at Springfield. Joplin was selected as the next place of meeting. The following officers were elected: Alfred H. White, St. Louis, grand high priest; V. F. Boor, Kansas City, deputy grand high priest; Frank H. Trimble, St. Louis, grand king; Justin L. McRae, Aurora, grand scribe; George L. Hassett, St. Louis, grand treasurer; Robert F. Stevenson, St. Louis, grand secretary; Louis E. Vogelzang, St. Louis, grand captain of host; William F. Johnson, Booneville, grand principal scribe; Martin T. Balesley, Joplin, royal arch captain; Olaf A. Lucas, Kansas City, grand master third veil; William F. Sewell, St. Louis, grand master second veil; Benjamin F. Miles, St. Joseph, grand master first veil; the Rev. Henry B. Boude, Pleasant Hill, grand chaplain; John W. Owen, St. Louis, grand sentinel; Robert F. Stevenson, St. Louis, correspondent.

The Royal and Select Masters elected the following officers: Thomas A. Milburn, Kansas City, grand master; William S. Brock, St. Louis, deputy grand master; Bert S. Lee, Springfield, grand principal conductor of work; G. W. Carson, St. Louis, grand treasurer; Robert B. Stevenson, St. Louis, grand recorder; Martin T. Balesley, grand lecturer; Herbert H. Gilman, Kansas City, grand captain of guard; Henry Schroeder, Campbell, grand conductor of council; William H. Herrick, St. Louis, grand marshal; W. R. Anthony, Kansas City, grand steward; John W. Owen, St. Louis, grand sentinel.

Many Missourians to Attend.

Missouri will be largely represented at the conference between the president and the governors of states and territories on the conservation of the natural resources to be held at the White House on May 13, 14 and 15. The delegation will be headed by Gov. Folk, who has appointed as his advisors N. W. McLeod of St. Louis, James A. Ockerson of St. Louis and Dr. William H. Black of Marshall. The advisors have been invited to participate in the conference. Gov. Folk, as yet, has not signified his intention of making a speech. Other Missourians specially invited to attend the conference are James E. Smith of St. Louis, president of the Business Men's league; W. A. Kavanaugh of St. Louis, president of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway association; James W. Van Cleave of St. Louis, president of the American Manufacturers' association; Lawrence M. Jones of Kansas City, president of the Missouri Valley Improvement association; and E. A. Long of Kansas City, who will make an address on the subject of forestry.

A Stock Exchange in Joplin.

The Joplin stock exchange was opened recently. That it marks a new era in the development in the south west was emphasized at the dinner at the Connor hotel, when representatives from New York, St. Louis and Kansas City stock exchanges and met from Oklahoma, Kansas, Ohio and Missouri told of their faith in the purposes and results of the new enterprise. John E. Swanger, secretary of state; Ewing Herbert of Hiawatha, Kan.; Ex-Representative Lantz of Ohio, H. P. Wright of Kansas City and A. D. Stockton of St. Louis spoke.

Tin Can Day in Trenton.

The second annual tin can day, promoted by the Clean City club of Trenton, occurred recently. Property owners were asked to dump their tin cans and other trash in the street and teams hired by the club hauled it to the dump grounds. The club alone hauled 127 wagon loads and fully as many were hauled by individuals. The cleanup was in memory of the tin can day of a year ago, when small boys paid by the club gathered up nearly 80,000 tin cans about the city.

A Rapid Courtship.

After a courtship of four minutes "Nemo," the strong man showing at a theater there, was engaged to Ethel Johnson, a Trenton high school girl, whom he married on the stage of the theater. The event was advertised, but the name of the bride was withheld until the wedding. The girl's parents gave their consent. Nemo saw the girl in his audience one day and after talking to her just four minutes proposed and was accepted. They will travel together.

For a Printing Plant, \$500.

The plant of the Sentinel Publishing company at Independence was sold at trustee's sale in that city recently by George W. Clinton. It was purchased by W. N. Southern, the president of the company and holder of a controlling interest in the stock. His bid of \$500 was the only one received.

To Improve Drury College.

Committees began recently to raise \$20,000 as Springfield's share of the \$250,000 endowment fund pledged to Drury college. The money contributed in Springfield will be used to build a new gymnasium. The alumni association of the college has already pledged \$5,000 for this purpose.

Death of R. H. McKeighan.

R. H. McKeighan, one of the most extensive cattlemen and stock shippers in Jackson county, died at his home in Lee's Summit recently.

Mercer County Wool Growers.

The Mercer County Wool Growers' association met in Princeton recently. The organization is less than a year old, but is already helping the growers materially, both in marketing wool and in buying supplies. One grower says he has saved more than \$400 in the purchase of supplies alone.

Not a Question of Name.

Now it is said Lee's Summit should be Lee's Summit, but the town will probably go on being Lee's Summit, just the same.

Takes a New Task.

After careful consideration Senator Warner has decided to take a new tack in his fight to secure Missouri a settlement with the government on war claims. Last winter he had passed a bill referring the matter to the court of claims. That court recently held that it had no jurisdiction under the bill and dismissed the case filed by Missouri for about \$2,700,000 for claims growing out of the Civil war. The department of justice expected the senator to put in a bill that would cure the defect in his original